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## BERNSTORFF SAYS SHIPS MUST HALT

To Avoid "Accidental" Loss of Life and Property, Kaiser's Premier Says That Orders Must be Obeyed by Ships

Washington, May 16.—German Ambassador von Bernstorff in his memorandum delivered to Secretary Lansing May 12, and made public today, urged that neutral vessels ordered to halt by submarines observe international law to the letter to avoid accidental loss of life and property.

The memorandum dealt with the holding up by a U boat of the Dutch steamer Bandoeng was attempting to ram him.

The steamer then stopped and sent a boat to the submarine, carrying the ship's papers for examination. The Dutch captain explained that he changed his course in order to bring his craft nearer the submarine and shorten the time required for an examination.

"The neutral government finds in this incident occasion to suggest to neutral governments that masters of their merchant ships understand that in event of their stoppage by German warships the provisions of international law must be observed to the letter," said von Bernstorff in concluding, "and that their attention be called to the danger of turning their ships toward the submarine. Thus alone can incidents such as the foregoing be avoided, responsibility for which must rest exclusively on the masters of neutral ships."

## CUMMINS BELIEVES NAVAL BASE NEEDED

Astoria, May 16.—Visiting Astoria today on his campaign for the republican presidential nomination, Senator Cummins of Iowa was converted to the belief that there should be a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river. At noon Senator Cummins spoke at a commercial club luncheon. This forenoon he was taken about the harbor in a gaily decorated launch, and was shown the various sites picked out for the proposed naval base.

Tonight he will speak in a theater. He declared today that he will explain in his speech tonight the congressional attitude toward the naval base.

## BUILDING COLLAPSE KILLS 9 AT AKRON

Akron, Ohio, May 16.—Four men, four women and a little girl were dead and twenty were injured today as the result of a building collapse here last night.

The old Beacon Journal structure, now housing the Crystal restaurant, was wrecked by four successive blasts in nearby excavations while a crowd was dining. An explosion followed explosion, the walls trembled, then the roof caved in and the entire building crumbled into debris. Flames began leaping through the ruins as imprisoned victims screamed for help.

Quick work on the part of firemen prevented the blaze from eating up the bodies of the killed. A police investigation of the disaster was started today.

## REPORTED VILLA HAS RECOVERED FROM WOUNDS

El Paso, May 16.—American cavalry today hotly pursued seventy Villistas whose scouts attacked Lieutenant Patton and a small detachment of soldiers when they approached the Rubio ranch to buy provisions. The withdrawal of the American expedition from San Antonio, Mex., was the signal for renewed Villista activities, according to advances. It was reported that Villa had recovered from his wounds and was again concentrating his men in the Durango mountains. Ten thousand Americans will soon be concentrated at Durban, where munitions have been piled high in anticipation of heavy rains hampering the border trips made by army motor trucks. Lumber now being shipped to the interior of Mexico is presumably to be used for building permanent American headquarters for the rainy season.

## SLAVS PREPARE WAY FOR ITALIANS

Rome, May 16.—Austrian troops have today abandoned their advanced positions before Roverto, evidently expecting a strong Italian offensive, upon Trent. The Adige valley and villages through which the Italians might move were cleared of all non-combatants Sunday, according to refugees. Three hundred thousand Austrians are concentrated on the Trentino-Tyrol front. The Austrians are dragging their guns up the mountains, constructing rock barriers and making other extensive preparations to meet the expected assault.

Meanwhile, the Italians are improving their positions at Roverto. Artillery is wrecking the Austrian defenses as fast as they are constructed.

The war office communique detailed two months' operations, including the recent Isanzo offensive to prevent the Austrians from reinforcing Germans before Verdun. The Italians captured 2,100 men, two field guns, 17 machine guns, and destroyed 13 enemy aeroplanes and five hydroplanes.

## REPEL FRENCH ATTACKS AGAINST HILL 304

Berlin, May 16.—Several French attacks against Hill 304 have been heavily repulsed, it was officially announced today. Northwest of Vaux another French charge was hurled back.

## MEXICANS CHARGED WITH ARSON PLOT

El Paso, May 16.—Two Mexicans were arrested today as a result of a fire at Fort Bliss last Saturday. Other arrests are expected. It is believed there was an arson plot. General Funston ordered an investigation.

## MEXICAN CRISIS HAS NOW PASSED

Washington, May 16.—As a result of General Hugh Scott's report, cabinet members today believe that a satisfactory agreement has practically been reached between Mexico and the United States. The Mexican crisis has probably simmered into the same class as the German situation. Time alone, it is believed, is needed to completely clear up the border issues. Scott is convinced that General Obregon is completely satisfied as to the American army's status as a punitive expedition.

## WALDO COPPER MINE FINDS RICH ORE BODY

Completion of 900-Foot Tunnel Opens up High Grade Ore and Will Greatly Increase the Output of the Illinois Valley District, the Extent of the Deposit Exceeding the Expectations of the Owners of the Property

There was jubilation among the owners and miners at the mine of the Waldo Copper company Monday afternoon when the lower workings were drained of water and the extent of the ore body available for immediate mining was shown. For several months the driving of the long tunnel has been under way, and it was known that upon the result of the investigation that would follow the clearing of the workings would rest the value of the property and would go a long way in proving the district.

The Waldo mine is the property of Dr. Reddy, A. H. Gunnell and DeWitt VanOstrand, these gentlemen having purchased the mine nearly a year ago. It had previously been a producer, and the new company has taken much ore from it during the past year, the first carload to go over the new railroad having come from it. In the old workings there had been much "underhand" stoping, the last shipments coming from No. 3 tunnel, the underhand stopings going to a depth of 60 feet below the floor of the tunnel. In the four years since the mine had been operated these workings had filled with water, and last July the driving of a new tunnel, No. 4, was commenced to tap these workings from below. This tunnel has a length of 900 feet and a raise of 85 feet to the point where it cut into the bottom of the old stopings. Engineer F. W. Richard has been in charge on the work, and about 10 days ago the drill cut through into the water filled workings from below. Through these drill holes the water was slowly drained off, Monday for the first time it being possible to make a critical examination of the character of the rock that had been under water since long before the new owners had come into possession of the property. It was found that there were hundreds of tons of high grade ore ready to be taken out and shipped to the smelter.

## WHEATLAND HIGH SCHOOL HAS LONE GRADUATE

Wheatland, Cal., May 16.—Some class to Charles Phelps, of Wheatland high school. Being the lone graduate of that institution. Charles will be the man of the hour on Friday. Mrs. Margaret McNaughton, commissioner of elementary schools, will make a commencement address for his exclusive benefit. Then he will be served with a senior class dinner all by his lonesome. He will be guest of honor at an alumni banquet, the hero of the senior class play—a monologue—and the board of education will journey 75 miles to hand him his diploma. Oh you, Chas.!

## CIVIC STUDENTS FAVOR HUGHES FOR PRESIDENT IN STRAW BALLOT

Chas. E. Hughes may be an unwilling candidate for the presidency of these United States, but if the temper of the civics class, composed of seniors in the Grants Pass high school is to be taken as an index, the justice will have to shed his judicial robes and move over to the White House early next March. As a part of its work in learning the machinery by which the servants of the people are elected, the civics class held an election today, using ballots in the form of the sample ballots for next Friday's primary election. This showed that Hughes had eight supporters in the class, while Roosevelt had four who made their mark wherever they could find the name of the Rough Rider. Two of the youthful voters wanted Theodore Burton for chief executive, while there was only a lone advocate of the candidacy of Albert B. Cummins. Woodrow Wilson received five ballots, being a poor second to Mr. Hughes.

The student-voters distributed their favors with great impartiality among the candidates for state offices, though they showed some pronounced preferences when it came to county offices, and the men now in office were favorites right down the line. For instance, Sheriff Smith had six supporters, to three for Geo. Lewis, three for L. L. Jewell, and one for John Randle.

Clerk Eugene Coburn was wanted back in the office by 10 voters, while three wanted a change and cast their ballots for Joe Wharton.

Assessor Pollock was a popular favorite among the near graduates of a school from which he at one time received a sheepskin, getting 12 votes to one for W. H. Fallin.

For county attorney, Jesse Johnston received seven and E. E. Blanchard six votes on the republican ticket, W. T. Miller getting two on the democratic ballot.

Burke for commissioner got six votes to two each for Lind, Duncan and Savage.

For treasurer, six votes were cast for Geo. Calhoun and seven for W. S. Maxwell.

Dr. Loughridge had 11 followers for coroner, while two wanted Mr. Hall.

## UNION IRON WORKS AT SAN FRANCISCO TIED UP IN STRIKE

San Francisco, May 16.—While the Union Iron works today was trying to reach an agreement with the rivet-heaters and passers who walked out yesterday demanding increased wages, 500 additional laborers, known as "bolterups," struck. They want their pay increased from \$2.25 to \$2.75 and \$3.00 a day.

More than 1,000 boilermakers had to quit work because of the lack of laborers, rivet-heaters and passer-boys. It is expected that the master mechanics will strike inside of 24 hours. This means that the Union Iron works is now completely tied up. Since yesterday at least 3,000 men have stopped work—2,000 on strike and 1,000 because of lack of assistants.

The passer-boys, rivet-heaters and laborers will meet this afternoon in the Labor temple to organize two separate unions. At present they are not organized.

## CABINET TALKS OF SCOTT REPORT

Washington, May 16.—The cabinet today discussed General Hugh Scott's report on his conferences in El Paso with General Alvaro Obregon. The papers submitted to the president and his advisers included a transcript of the conversations. They indicated a desire on the part of Carranza and Obregon to cooperate with the American forces. There is said to be no cause for alarm or for a change in the Mexican policy. The Tampico situation, however, is causing uneasiness.

Scott reported the situation better than it had been for weeks. He said that Obregon was suspicious when he arrived, fearing that the Americans intended to remain in Mexico. The Mexican war minister left El Paso convinced that the expedition's only object was to suppress banditry.

Obregon agreed to send ten thousand of the best Carranza troops to patrol the Big Bend and Parral districts and agreed that Carranzistas in Sonora west of Pulpita Pass should not attempt to get in the rear of General Pershing's army. He also agreed to order de facto troops to pursue the Bouquillas and Glenn Springs raiders and attempt to rescue Deemer, one of the Americans carried away as a prisoner.

## SEARCH GYPSY CAMPS FOR STOLEN BOY

Portland, May 16.—Gypsy camps throughout the state are being searched by police and deputy sheriffs today. They are looking for Jimmie Glass, four years old, who was stolen from his home at Greeley, Pa., just a year ago. A report that Jimmie, or a boy answering his description, was with a tribe of gypsies somewhere in the state of Oregon reached Governor Withycombe. He immediately started an investigation.

## GERMANS PREPARE FOR ATTACK ON RIGA

London, May 16.—Copenhagen reports today said that the Germans were preparing to launch a sea and land campaign against Riga. The Kiel fleet is declared to have sailed upon Riga. The von Hindenburg and other latest model super-dreadnaughts are part of this fleet. Field Marshal von Hindenburg's land forces are manifesting the greatest activity in the direction of Riga.

## CONFERENCE ARMY BILL REPORTED

Oregon Senator Presents Measure Agreed Upon as Compromise Between Large and Small Army Advocates

Washington, May 16.—Presenting the congressional conference report on the army bills to the senate today, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon said that the peace strength of the army would be 11,000 officers and 200,000 men under the terms of the military measures. The army's war strength is fixed at 11,500 officers and 225,000 men. As for the national guard, its maximum strength is to be 17,000 officers and 440,000 men, Chamberlain asserted. In the house, Congressman Hay denied the accuracy of these figures. He charged that Chamberlain had boosted the statistics to show that "big army men" won in the conference discussions.

Replying to this, Chamberlain asserted that Hay was depressing the figures to indicate a victory for the "little army men."

"The bill is a compromise, and in part experimental," declared Chamberlain. "It may not work out. Fundamentally, it is right, and it should be welcomed by all reasonable advocates of preparedness."

Chamberlain announced that the volunteer army provisions had been stricken out and civilian training camps substituted. The provisions for officers of a national reserve and a training corps were retained.

The national guard, he pointed out, would have a great chance to prove the claim that it has been held back heretofore by outside forces.

## ZAPATISTAS WRECK TRAIN AND KILL 5

Laredo, Texas, May 16.—Five persons were killed and an American named Hill robbed of \$3,000 in gold when Zapatistas wrecked a train between Palma Gonzales and Queretaro last Friday, according to advices received today. No Americans were injured, but all were robbed, with the exception of Charles Douglas.

William Rosendale, of Chicago, one of the passengers, arrived at Eagle Pass with details of the wreck. He heard that \$20,000 in silver had been taken from the express car, and that the Carranzista paymaster had been robbed of \$36,000 in paper money. Rosendale took refuge in Douglas' private car, which the bandits did not molest. He said that Douglas had \$20,000,000 in new Carranza paper currency in the car.

Other advices declared the bandits overlooked half a million dollars' worth of valuables in the express coach. A burned trestle caused the wreck. Engine and tender plunged into the gap, but the main part of the train remained on the rails. Zapatistas swarmed over everything, shouting "Viva Villa." They fired at the windows, then lined up and robbed the passengers.

A coal car took survivors to Coahuila. They fled farther when more fighting was reported at Chamacuero.

## PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA TO FLEE FROM COUNTRY

Galveston, May 1.—President Cabrera of Guatemala is reported preparing to flee the country today because the revolution raging there has grown beyond control of his government's troops.